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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR&RD Department – Allegations of non-submission of Annual Property Returns – Charges framed against Sri S. Venkata Ramana Rao, Assistant Engineer, PR,Pachipenta, Vizianagaram District (now Retd.)– Held proved inquiry - Enquiry report communicated – Representation of C.O received – Imposing a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of one (1) year under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.61 **Dated: 14.02.2023.**

Read the following :

1. From the DG, ACB, Letter Rc. No. 26/RCT-VVZ/2011, dated: 13.07.2011,
2. Govt. Memo NO. 3424/Vig. II/A2/2011-2, PR&RD (Vig. II) Department, Dt: 06.03.2012.
3. From the DG, ACB, Letter Rc. NO. 26/RCT-VVZ/11, dated: 14.08.2014.
4. G.O.Rt.No.1048, PR&RD (Vig.I) Department, dt: 25.11.2014.
5. From the ENC, PR, Letter No. Vig. I (1)/1383/2012, dt: 03.03.2015.
6. G.O.Rt.NO.1244, PR&RD(Vig.I)Department, Dt: 08.11.2018.
7. From the SE,PR, Vizianagaram and Inquiry Officer, Letter Rc. No. 2271/V&E Cases/2018/SA, dt: 30.04.2021.
8. Govt.Memo.No.3424/Vig.I/2011-13,PR&RD(Vig.I)Department, Dt: 01.01.2022.
9. From Sri S. Venkata Ramana Rao, Asst. Engineer (PR) (Retired), representation dt: 21.02.2022.
10. Govt.Memo.No.3424/Vig.I/201114,PR&RD(Vig.I)Department, Dt: 12.09.2022.
11. From Sri S. Venkata Ramana Rao, Asst. Engineer (PR) (Retired), representation dt: 10.11.2022.
12. Govt.LetterNo.3424/Vig.I/2011-15,PR&RD(Vig.I)Department, Dt:28.11.2022.
13. From the Secretary, APPSC, Letter No.GAD03-APPS0DCC /121 / 2022-DC SEC-APPSC (Computer No. 1931826), dt: 11.01.2023

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O R D E R:

Whereas in the reference 1st read above, the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, among others, has recommended to initiate departmental action against Sri Sadasivuni Venkata Ramana Rao, Assistant Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Pachipenta, Vizianagaram District for not filing Annual Property Returns to the competent authority during his period of service except for the years 1992-93 and for violation of Rule 9 (7) read with Rule 3 (1)(2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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2. And whereas, in the reference 4th read above, Government initiated disciplinary proceedings against the Accused Officer Sri S. Venkata Ramana Rao, the then Assistant Engineer, PR, Pachipenta (Mandal), Vizianagaram District duly framing following article of charge under Rule 20 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991, with a direction to submit his written statement of defence:

Charge :

Sri Sadasivuni Venkata Ramana Rao, S/o Late Trinadha Rao joined in Government Service as Technical Work Inspector on 18.10.1980 to 29.04.1982 in No.I Sub Division, Srikakulam. He was promoted as Draftsman on 30.04.1982 and worked at No.I Sub Division, Srikakulam from 30.04.1982 to 04.01.1991. Subsequently he got promotion as Assistant Engineer and worked at the office of Deputy Executive Engineer, CRP, Vizianagaram from 05.01.1991 to 23.02.2010. Finally he was posted as Mandal Engineering Officer (Assistant Engineer) at Pachipenta Mandal, Vizianagaram District and worked there from 24.02.2010 to 01.02.2011.

That Sri Sadasivuni Venkata Ramana Rao, Assistant Engineer did not submit his Annual Property Returns to the competent authority during his entire service except for the year 1992-93 and thereby committed misconduct by violating the provisions of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Thus, Sri Sadasivuni Venkata Ramana Rao by his above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of Government Servant and thereby contravened Rule 9 (7) read with Rule 3 (1)(2) of APCS(Conduct) Rules, 1964.

3. And whereas, in the reference 5thread above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, among others, has furnished dated acknowledgment copy regarding service of charges on the charged officer on 02.01.2015. But the charged officer has not submitted his written statement of defence. Government after examination of the matter have taken a decision to conduct regular enquiry into the matter. Accordingly, in the reference 6thread above, Government have appointed the Superintending Engineer, PR, Vizianagaram District as the Enquiry Officer under Rule 20 (2) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 to conduct inquiry into the above charge framed against the charged officer, among others.

4. And whereas, in the reference 7th read above, the Inquiring Authority has submitted inquiry report along with his findings wherein the Inquiry Authority among others, has held that the charge framed against the charged officer is held proved. A copy of the inquiry report has been communicated to the charged officer vide reference 8th read above with a direction to submit his representation, if any, on the findings of the Enquiry Officer.

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5. And whereas, in the reference 8th read above, the charged officer Sri S.Venkata Ramana Rao, former Assistant Engineer, PR, Pachipenta, Vizianagaram District (Retd.) has submitted his representation and among others he has stated that he was of the opinion that the property statements have to be submitted as and when properties are acquired and hence he did not submit the Annual Property Returns regularly. He has requested to consider his representation and to conclude the case as he retired from service on 31.08.2018 and his pensionary benefits are pending.

6. Government have examined the representation of the charged officer and observe that as per Rule 9 (7) of A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules, 1964, every Government employee, other than a member of the A.P. Last Grade Service and a Record Assistant in the A.P. General Subordinate Service, shall submit property statements of all the immovable/movable properties owned, acquired or inherited/held by him or in the name of his family members to Government before 15th January of each year through proper channel. **Whereas** the charged Officer has held the posts of Technical Inspector from 18.11.1980, Draughtsman from 30.04.1982, Assistant Engineer from 05.01.1991 onwards and failed to submit Annual Property Returns. As such the contention of the charged officer is devoid of merits and he is not absolved from the charge. Government have therefore taken a provisional decision to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of one (1) year against the charged officer Sri S. Venkata Ramana Rao, Assistant Engineer, PR (retired) under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules 1980. Accordingly, the above provisional decision has been communicated vide reference 10th read above to the charged officer calling for his representation, if any in the matter.

7. And whereas, in the reference 11th read above, the charged officer has submitted representation and he has obeyed and accepted the above provisional decision to impose above penalty and requested to take further action for receiving his pensionary benefits at an early date.

8. Government have examined the representation of the Charged Officer and decided to proceed further with the above proposed penalty as the charged officer has accepted the above provisional decision to impose the above penalty. Accordingly addressed the A.P. Public Service Commission for their concurrence vide references 12thread above.

9. And whereas, in the reference 13th read above, the Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission has communicated the consent of the Commission to impose the above penalty against the charged officer and advised to take action accordingly.

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10. Accordingly, Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby impose the penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of one (1) year against Sri S. Venkata Ramana Rao, former Assistant Engineer, PR, Pachipenta, erstwhile Vizianagaram District and now Parvatipuram Manyam District (now Retired) under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 in the matter.

11. The Engineer-in-Chef, Panchayat Raj, A.P, Vijayawada shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B. RAJSEKHAR
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri S. Venkata Ramana Rao, former Assistant Engineer, PR, Pachipenta, erstwhile Vizianagaram District and now Parvatipuram Manyam District (now Retired)
through the Engineer in Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P, Vijayawada (with a request to serve the order on the individual and furnish the served copy)

Copy to:
The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, AP, Vijayawada.
The Secretary to Vigilance Commission, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Vijayawada.
The OSD to Hon'ble Dy.C.M for PR&RD.
The PS to Spl.Chief Secy. to Govt, PR&RD Dept.,
The PR&RD (Estt. I) Department.
The AG, AP, Vijayawada.
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SECTION OFFICER